AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended)   A method for allowing a stand-by server to operate as a replacement for a main server, comprising:

detecting, by a stand-by server, lack of a signal initiated by a main server, wherein reception of said signal is indicative of availability of said main server;

establishing a connection with at least one client connection device by said stand-by server to support a call, wherein said stand-by server operates as a replacement for said main server;

requesting current call state information from said client connection device;

receiving current call state information from said client connection device; and

updating a call state information resource based on said current call state information received from said client connection device.

2. (Original)   The method of claim 1, further comprising:
receiving configuration information.

3. (Original)   The method of claim 1, wherein said establishing a connection with at least one client connection device includes establishing a connection with said client connection device using an IP address known to said client connection device.

4. (Original)   The method of claim 1, wherein said requesting current call state information from said client connection device includes requesting information from said client connection device regarding status of at least one communication line supported by said client connection device.

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5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said receiving current call state information from said client connection device includes receiving information regarding status of at least one communication line supported by said client connection device.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

prior to said detecting lack of a signal initiated by said main server, receiving at least one signal initiated by said main server, said at least one signal being indicative of availability of said main server.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

requesting information regarding availability of said main server after said detecting lack of a signal initiated by said main server indicative of availability of said main server.

8 – 12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A method for allowing a stand-by server to take over support for communications from a main server, comprising:

detecting lack of a signal sent initiated by a main server, wherein reception of said signal is indicative of availability of said main server;

establishing a connection with at least one client connection device by said stand-by server to support a call, wherein said stand-by server operates as a replacement for said main server;

requesting that said client connection device reset an active call to a designated call state; and

creating a call state information resource based, at least in part, on said designated call state.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13, further comprising:

receiving configuration information.

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15. (Original)   The method of claim 13, further comprising:

prior to said detecting lack of a signal initiated by said main server, receiving at least one signal initiated by said main server, said at least one signal being indicative of availability of said main server.

16. (Original) The method of claim 13, further comprising:

requesting information regarding availability of said main server after said detecting lack of a signal initiated by said main server indicative of availability of said main server.

17 - 22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently Amended)   A method for allowing a stand-by server to take over support for communications from a main server, comprising:

a main server establishing at least one connection with at least one client connection device for support of at least one call;

said main server providing at least one signal to a stand-by server when said main server is available;

said stand-by server establishing at least one connection with said at least one client connection device to support said at least one call when said stand-by server does not receive a designated number of signals from said main server indicative of availability of said main server, wherein said stand-by server operates as a replacement for said main server;

said stand-by server requesting call state information from said at least one client connection device; and

said stand-by server updating a call state information resource based on said call state information received from said at least one client connection device.

24. (Currently Amended) A method for allowing a stand-by server to take over support for communications from a main server, comprising:

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a main server establishing at least one connection with at least one client connection device for support of at least one call;

said main server providing at least one signal to a stand-by server when said main server is available;

said stand-by server establishing at least one connection with said at least one client connection device <u>to support said at least one call</u> when said stand-by server does not receive a designated number of signals from said main server indicative of availability of said main server, wherein said stand-by server operates as a replacement for said main server;

said stand-by server requesting said at least one client connection device to reset to a designated call state; and

said stand-by server creating a call state information resource based, at least in part, on said designated call state.

25. (Currently Amended)   A computer program product in a computer readable medium for facilitating communications, comprising:

instructions for directing a first server to establish at least one connection with at least one client connection device for support of at least one call;

instructions for directing said first server to initiate at least one signal sent to a second server when said first server is available, said signal being indicative of availability of said first server to support said at least one call;

instructions for directing said second server to establish at least one connection with said at least one client connection device <u>to support said at least one call</u> when said second server does not receive a designated number of signals initiated by said first server indicative of availability of said first server, wherein said stand-by server operates as a replacement for said main server;

Instructions for directing said second server to request call state information from said at least one client connection device; and

instructions for directing said second server to update a call state information resource based on said call state information received from said at least one client connection device.

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26. (Currently Amended) A computer program product in a computer readable medium for facilitating communications, comprising:

instructions for directing a first server to establish at least one connection with at least one client connection device for support of at least one call;

instructions for directing said first server to initiate at least one signal sent to a second server when said first server is available, said signal being indicative of said first server being available to support said at least one call;

instructions for directing said second server to establish at least one connection with said at least one client connection device to support said at least one call when said second server does not receive a designated number of signals initiated by said first server indicative of availability of said first server, wherein said stand-by server operates as a replacement for said main server;

instructions for directing said second server to request said at least one client connection device to reset to a designated call state; and

instructions for directing said second server to create a call state information resource based, at least in part, on said designated call state.

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